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The Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 18 September requesting that we make available to you a CIA report mentioned by Mr. Tad Szulc in his New York Times article of 13 September. A thorough review of our files fails to identify any Agency report which fits the description given by Mr. Szulc. Since we do not know the identity of the "intelligence officials" cited in the article, we are not able to specify the material to which your request refers.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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September 18, 1972

Mr. Richard Helms
Director, Central
Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

I am writing in regard to a report in the September 13th issue of the New York Times by Tad Szulc, a copy of which is enclosed. The report refers to "separate but concurring" studies prepared late last month by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency reporting that the North Vietnamese can sustain the fighting in South Vietnam "at the present rate" for the next two years despite American bombing.

The New York Times story stated that: "The substance of the reports was made available to the New York Times today by highly placed intelligence officials." I would appreciate it if you could arrange to have the Central Intelligence Agency report, on which Mr. Szulc's article was based, also made available to me.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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